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SUBJECT: BRAZIL-ANGOLA- MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS

1. WHILE LISTENING TO RADIO MOZAMBIQUE'S LIVE COVERAGE FROM LUANDA OF ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES, WE NOTED WITH INTEREST THAT BRAZIL WAS REPORTEDLY REPRESENTED ON VIP PLATFORM IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO AGOSTINHO NETO.

2. LOCAL PRESS TODAY CARRIES STORY FROM LUANDA CORRESPONDENT REPORTING BRAZILIAN RECOGNITION OF MPLA "GOVERNMENT" AND ADDING: "GOVERNMENT OF LUANDA GIVES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO BRAZIL'S ATTITUDE TOWARD IT. EVERYTHING INDICATES THAT BRAZIL COULD FURNISH THE YOUNG REPUBLIC THE ASSISTANCE IT NEEDS TO START UP ITS ECONOMY, SO GRAVELY AFFECTED BY PORTUGUESE EXODUS. NO LINGUISTIC BARRIER EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND MANY HIGH ANGOLAN OFFICIALS STATE THAT ANGOLA'S POPULATION FEELS MORE AFFINITY WITH BRAZILIANS THAN WITH PORTUGUESE."

3. THIS IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL FARE FOR MOZAMBICAN MEDIA, IN WHICH BRAZIL HAS HELD HONORS AS FOREIGN DEVIL SECOND ONLY TO US. AS EMBASSY PREHAPS AWARE, BRAZILIAN REPRESENTATIVE HERE WAS SUMMARILY OUSTED LAST WEEK WITH NUMBER OF OTHER WESTERNERS WHO HAD BEEN HERE SINCE BEFORE INDEPENDENCE.
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RM WHEN I VISITED ITAMARATI IN FEBRUARY, I WAS TOLD GOB HAD
DECIDED GO SLOW ON MOZAMBIQUE BUT WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT
RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA. WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE, PARTICULARLY
WITH REGARD TO LESSONS GOB MIGHT WISH MOZAMBIQUE TO DRAW FROM
BRAZIL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ANGOLA.
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